UNITED
NATIONS

S

Security Council

Distr.
GENERAL

S/25395
11 March 1993

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

LETTER DATED 10 MARCH 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF HUNGARY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I would like to recall my letter addressed to your predecessor on 26 February 1993 (S/25347) on the blockade of the Danube by Yugoslav barges, as well as the decision by the Security Council on the same day to call in the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in order to convey to him, through the President of the Council, its condemnation of interference with the river traffic of several States Members of the United Nations and its demand that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia authorities remove the blockade forthwith.

In this connection, I would like to bring to your attention two letters, the contents of which are set out below.

The first is an undated letter written by Mr. Strugar Dusan, General Director of the Yugoslav River Navigation Company (JRB), addressed to his German, Austrian, Slovak, Hungarian, Romanian, Bulgarian and Ukrainian colleagues. In the letter, he informs them that the Independent Trade Union of River Personnel of JRB announced the provisional suspension of the seven-day blockade of the Iron Gates-2 Locks. The General Director also makes reference in his letter to possible future steps contemplated by the trade union.

The second letter is dated 3 March 1993 and is written by Mr. Milovan Petrovic, Chairman of the Independent Trade Union of River Personnel, addressed to the General Director of JRB. This letter reads as follows (unofficial translation):

> "In order to give the opportunity and time necessary for talks and for reaching an agreement with the Romanian authorities on the free navigation on the Danube river - which is of vital importance for the employees of our organization - we are provisionally suspending the seven-day warning blockade as of 2 March of the current year at 6 p.m.
>
> We draw your attention to the fact that, in case we shall be further deprived of the right to work, we will, as of 10 March, resume the blockade of navigation affecting all vessels, which will continue until a solution is found to the question.

At the same time, we request you to forward the present communication and warning to all competent organs, including the federal Government, all foreign Danubian navigation companies and the representatives of the press, radio and TV."

We have reason to believe that the carrying out of the threat contained in the above letter is imminent.

Hungary, as one of the riparian States of the Danube, wishes to stress once again the utmost importance of early and effective measures to be taken by the Security Council to give an adequate response to the systematic defiance by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia's authorities of the relevant resolutions and statements of the Security Council.

I would kindly ask you to have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) André ERDOS
Ambassador